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FROM THE AMBASSADOR

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: MASS, BE  
SUBJECT: TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR OFFICE OF SECURITY ASSISTANCE

REF: STATE 224915 (NOTAL)

1. FOLLOWING ARE MY COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS ON REFTEL:

(A) STAFFING. WE RECOMMEND THAT THREE U.S. MILITARY  
PERSONNEL BE ASSIGNED TO MAAG SUCCESSOR ORGANIZATION.  
THESE INCLUDE: (A) DIRECTOR WITH RANK OF COLONEL AND  
BRANCH USAF; (2) DEPUTY DIRECTOR FOR ARMY AFFAIRS,  
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LT. COL. USA; (3) DEPUTY DIRECTOR FOR NAVY AND AIR FORCE

AFFAIRS, MAJOR, USAF. IN ADDITION WE RECOMMEND A U.S. CIVILIAN AND LOCAL SUPPORT STAFF OF FIVE: (1) GS-7 U.S. CIVILIAN SECRETARY; (2) (NEW POSITION) LOCALLY HIRED U.S. ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST; (3) FSL MPA ANALYST; (4) FSL SECRETARY/TRANSLATOR; AND (5) FSL DRIVER. (THIS INFORMATION ALSO PROVIDED TO USCINCEUR IN CHMAAG MSG NO. 635)

(B) TABLE OF ORGANIZATION. PROPOSED NAME "OFFICE OF SECURITY ASSISTANCE (OSA)", DOES NOT APPEAR APPROPRIATE AND MAY NOT BE ACCEPTABLE TO BELGIAN GOVERNMENT. WE PREFER BONN'S PROPOSAL (BONN 15551) FOR "OFFICE FOR MUTUAL DEFENSE ACTIVITIES (MDA)." MDA WILL BE PLACED IN EMBASSY ORGANIZATION AS SEPARATE AGENCY. THE DIRECTOR OF MDA WILL REPORT TO THE AMBASSADOR THROUGH THE DCM.

(C) STATUS OF MDA PERSONNEL. PROPOSED STATUS OF MDA PERSONNEL, WHICH WILL LIST OFFICERS ON DIPLOMATIC LIST, IS APPROPRIATE. BELGIANS HAVE INFORMALLY INDICATED THIS WILL CAUSE NO PROBLEMS. SUCH STATUS WILL CONTINUE WHAT IS NOW ACCORDED TO MAAG SECTION CHIEFS.

(D) SUPERVISION AND REPORTING RESPONSIBILITIES. MDA WILL BE SUPERVISED BY THE DCM AND AMBASSADOR IN ORDER TO INSURE THAT THEIR ACTIVITIES ARE CONSISTENT WITH U.S. POLICY. REQUEST CLARIFICATION OF STATEMENT PARA 2 B REFTEL THAT "FOR MILITARY COMMAND, PERSONNEL AND ADMINISTRATIVE PURPOSES....(MDA) WILL REPORT THROUGH CHANNELS PRESCRIBED BY DOD." SPECIFICALLY DOES THIS MEAN THAT MDA WILL REPORT FOR THESE PURPOSES TO DOD OR TO USCINCEUR?

(D) COMMUNICATIONS CHANNELS. AS INTEGRAL PART OF EMBASSY STAFF MDA WILL USE DEPARTMENT OF STATE COMMUNICATIONS. THE AMBASSADOR, DCM, OR DIRECTOR OF MDA WILL APPROVE MESSAGES ORIGINATING WITH MDA DEPENDING ON THE NATURE AND IMPORTANCE OF THE MESSAGES. THE DIRECTOR OF MDA WILL HAVE RESPONSIBILITY TO INSURE APPROPRIATE COORDINATION OF HIS MESSAGES. WE WOULD WELCOME SPECIAL MESSAGE CAPTION IN ORDER TO IDENTIFY MDA TRAFFIC DISTINCT FROM REGULAR EMBASSY REPORTING.

(F) ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT. AS WE ANTICIPATE THAT BELGIAN GOVERNMENT FUNDING WILL END AS OF SEPTEMBER 30  
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(BRUSSELS 8089 NOTAL), DOD WILL HAVE TO FUND MDA OPERATING PROGRAM AS OF OCTOBER 1. EMBASSY ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT FOR MDA WILL BE PROVIDED UNDER FAAS ON SAME BASIS ANY ANY OTHER AGENCY. SAS-1 WILL BE REVIEWED AND CHANGED TO REFLECT MDA'S LEVEL OF REQUIRED SERVICES.

(G) FUNCTIONS. MDA FUNCTIONS LISTED PARA 3 REFTEL APPEAR SUFFICIENTLY COMPREHENSIVE AND FLEXIBLE. THE MDA WILL RETAIN THE MAAG FUNCTION OF LIAISON ON BEHALF

OF EMBASSY WITH U.S. MILITARY HEADQUARTERS IN EUROPE,  
ON ISSUES SUCH AS REFORGER, U.S. MILITARY STORAGE  
REQUIREMENTS IN BELGIUM, LOC, COB, MUNITIONS SHIPMENTS, ECT.  
AMBASSADOR WILL PROVIDE MDA DIRECTOR WITH SPECIFIC  
INSTRUCTIONS DESIGNED TO PINPOINT HIS SPECIFIC LOCAL  
RESPONSIBILITIES AFTER THE CHANGE FROM MAAG TO MDA.  
(H) REPRESENTATION ALLOWANCE. IN ORDER EFFECTIVELY  
TO CARRY OUT ITS FUNCTIONS MDA WILL REQUIRE A  
REPRESENTATION ALLOWANCE. PRESENT ALLOWANCE FOR MAAG,  
WHICH IS INCLUDED IN STATE ALLOTMENT, IS \$1,000 PER  
YEAR. WE WOULD LIKE TO HAVE THIS LEVEL CONTINUE AND  
TO HAVE IT REMAIN IDENTIFIED FOR MDA DIRECTOR IN STATE'S  
ALLOTMENT.

2. WE NEED INFORMATION AND AUTHORITY AS SOON AS POSSIBLE  
TO APPROACH BELGIAN GOVERNMENT FORMALLY ON TERMINATION  
OF MAAG. KEY ISSUE IN THIS RESPECT IS USG INTENTIONS  
TOWARDS 1950 MUTUAL DEFENSE ASSISTANCE AGREEMENT. THIS  
AGREEMENT, WHICH PROVIDES FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF  
THE MAAG AMONG OTHER THINGS, HAS TERMINATION PROVISIONS  
REQUIRING ONE YEAR'S ADVANCE NOTICE FOR UNILATERAL  
ABROGATION. PRESUMABLY ONE YEAR PROVISION WOULD NOT  
APPLY IF BELGIUM AND THE U.S. CAN REACH MUTUAL AGREE-  
MENT FOR EARLIER TERMINATION. IN BRUSSELS 8089 WE  
REPORTED BELGIAN INTEREST IN OBTAINING USG VIEWS ON  
THIS QUESTION. WE CONSIDER IT IMPERATIVE TO NOTIFY  
THE BELGIAN GOVERNMENT OFFICIALLY AND IN WRITING OF  
OUR INTENTIONS IN THIS REGARD PRIOR TO OCTOBER 1 WHEN  
U.S. LEGISLATION UNILATERALLY DIRECTS THE  
TERMINATION OF THE MAAG. FIRESTONE

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